

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| APPLICANT(S) | JOSE I. SUAREZ  | GROUP ART UNIT:   | 2624          |
| APPLN. NO.:  | 10/665,067  | EXAMINER:         | Shah, Utpal D |
| FILED:       | September 17, 2003  | Confirmation No.: | 5493          |
| TITLE:       | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFICIENTLY ENCODING AN<br>IMAGE BY PRIORITIZING GROUPS OF SPATIALLY CORRELATED<br>CO-EFFICIENTS BASED ON AN ACTIVITY MEASURE |                   |               |

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2006, concerning the above-identified application. Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.